

publish this record himself, after I had confirmed its identification, suggests an element of doubt. This record I would therefore suggest is worthy of note as a stimulus to further investigation but not on its own is it evidence for a hitherto unknown larval pabulum.— RAY BARNETT, City Museum and Art Gallery, Queens Road, Bristol BS8 1RL.

**Two further Kentish specimens of *Pelosia muscerda* Hufn. (Lep.: Arctiidae), The Dotted Footman**

In search of *Scopula nigropunctata* Hufn. on 1st August 1990 at the Warren, Folkestone, Kent, the appearance of a male *P. muscerda* on the sheet (sitting next to an immaculate *S. nigropunctata*!) at 23.30 hours was most unexpected. To find another when emptying the traps in the morning was even more surprising. *Orthonama obstipata* Fab. was also seen, a male at about 24.00 hours, together with 30 - 40 *Autographa gamma* L. and one *Nomophila noctuella* D. & S. These observations together with the favourable weather conditions (light easterly winds with a minimum temperature of 16 degrees), the lack of suitable habitat locally and the occurrence of other specimens in Kent around this time must make migratory origin certain.

Previous records of this species in Kent are for resident populations: at Ham Fen near Deal at the end of the 19th century to 1911 and Appledore, July 1898 (Chalmers-Hunt, *Butterflies and moths of Kent* 2: 92-93); Fordwich, no date but "old" (*ibid.* 2: 362). More isolated records are Lydd, 1 at light 14.8.1965 (*ibid.* 2: 362); Longrope, Ham Street, 1 male at m.v. — 19.7.1969 (*ibid.* 3: 235); Orlestone Forest, Ham Street, 1, 16.7.1983 (Collins, *Ent. Rec.* 95: 222) and Bromley, 1 male at m.v. (Clarke, *Ent. Rec.* 96: 55).

On 4th August the site was revisited but apart from a strong flight of *A. gamma* shortly after dusk and one *Udea ferrugalis* Hübn. no more migrants were seen; the most interesting moth was a rather worn example of *Standfussiana lucerneae* L. at actinic.— Dr JULIAN CLARKE, Oaklea, Felcourt Road, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6NF.

***Evergestis limbata* L. (Lep.: Pyralidae) new to the British Isles**

I am pleased to record the capture of what I believe to be the first British specimen of *Evergestis limbata* L. which came to m.v. light on Guernsey on 18th July 1990. This attractive little pyralid is illustrated in Palm (1986) *Nordeuropas Pyralider* and has been recorded in the larval stage on *Sisymbrium* (rocket), *Alliaria petiolata* (garlic mustard), *Isatis tinctoria* (woad) and *Genista tinctoria* (Dyer's greenweed).

I am also pleased to record that further specimens of the Guernsey Underwing, *Polyphaenis sericata* and *Thera cupressata* have also been taken in my Guernsey garden.— T.D.N. PEET, Le Chene, Forest, Guernsey.